

Monday: 04/01/21
2 Corinthians 5:17

New Year's Eve and we all look with anticipation to the future. Things have been difficult over the past 365 days. And yet we have always had one strength and one constant in our lives. Our Lord has been with us through it all.

We have been made new through our acceptance and continued faith in our Saviour Jesus. What we can look forward to is a year full of promise and a journey shared with the Lord. He has promised to be with us through thick and thin. Our journey has become his journey.

Never lose faith, never lose hope. Always trust in God's amazing Grace for each of us. In all things this year, trust in Jesus.

Lord, take me by the hand and lead me onward.

Tuesday: 05/01/21
Isaiah 43:18-19

Ruminating is an art form for me. Not a second of a day goes by without my mind digging up some uncomfortable thought about an event from the past. Turning it over painfully.

We are encouraged to let go of the past. Those things that only serve to trouble us and taint the joy we should enjoy in the here and now. There is an analogy of a ship that collect barnacles. Over time these small crustaceans will slow the ship. So the ship requires a thorough clean.

We too need to take time to let go of the past and to embrace the future.

With the Lords help I will let go and go forward.

Wednesday: 06/01/21
Ephesians 4:22-24

New Year's Eve resolutions are meant to help us to develop new skills, break bad habits and achieve new outcomes. Yet, for many they are soon forgotten.

While we know we are born into sin and our natural nature is to seek ways to please ourselves; we also know that we are born anew through Jesus.

This is a completely new year full of all the promises and amazing possibilities. With each new day, new month and the rest of the new year, we can seek new opportunities to grow closer to Christ. As well as to grow emotionally, spiritually and as God would have us to grow. We are truly at a turning point where anything is made possible through Jesus the Christ.

Lord, I am growing this year closer to you.

Thursday: 07/01/21
Jeremiah 29:11

How have the first few days of the New Year been for you? Were there a few potholes in the road of life? Did it feel like not much has changed?

We are assured that God has everything in control and the he has a unique plan for each of us. The big challenge for us is to try and see the forest through the trees. We can all get distracted with troubles and chaos as it arises. That is part of everyday life.

Yet we should never forget that God knows what has, is and will take place. He will work his divine plan to create the future that is best for each of us. We need only take a breathe and pray when we are troubled.

Lord, before I lose heart I promise to pray.

Friday: 08/01/21
Psalms 96: 1-3

As you may have noticed, this six days to Sunday has been dedicated to the New Year and all that such a new beginning can teach us.

So in what way will you find ways to sing a new song? In what ways are you planning on sharing the pure joy of your faith with others? Now is not the time to keep your faith to yourself.

We have been commended to share the faith with everyone we meet. To show what God's Grace has to offer others. To 'Gossip the Gospel' as it has been coined within the Church.

Is your salvation a thing of joy and triumph over death and decay? If so, than by all means learn new songs and share your faith with gusto.

Lord, I set aside meekness to praise your Name.

Saturday: 09/01/21
Psalms 118:24

Tomorrow is Sunday. A new day and a new chance to shake the rafters with your praise. Like the verse tells us, we really should be rejoicing in every new day. Life will never be perfect here on earth. Yet it can still be filled with wonders and surprises.

There will be plenty of little gems to find if only we are ready to discover them. We can not see the stars in the heavens if we are always looking at our feet. We need to be aware of the beauty of life around us.

So be happy that the Lord has given us a new day

Happy New Year Lord.

Tomorrow, Today



Tomorrow ,today, a new beginning.
The last year has been a heavy burden.
Yet I know you were with me through it all.

I break from the shackles of the past year.
Leaving behind the tragedies of life.
While I seek new ways to abide with you.

Childlike, I will treasure each moment.
As I embrace the beauty of each day.
Listening to the music of your voice.

Awake, arise my soul, and seek the Lord.
In all thing seek new ways to praise his name.
Know he is present throughout the journey.

I will let his grace for me shine brightly.
As my heart will sing of his majesty.
So that all will know, Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Six days to Sunday



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of Faith

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*